

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following paragraph and heading as follows:

This specification for the instant application should be granted the priority date of August 5, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 103 36 628.8 as well as the priority date of June 25, 2004, the filing date of the corresponding International patent application PCT/EP2004/006867.

### Background of the Invention.

On page 1, lines 5-6, please amend this paragraph as follows:

The present invention relates to a steering gear or mechanism for a motor vehicle ~~having the features of the preamble of Claim 1.~~

On page 2, line 20, please insert the following heading:

### --Summary of the Invention--

On page 2, lines 21-22, please amend this paragraph as follows:

This object is achieved by a steering gear ~~having the features of Claim 1.~~ mechanism comprising a housing, a rack, which defines an axial direction and meshes with a pinion, and a hydraulic servo-drive having a piston/cylinder unit comprising a cylinder, a piston, and a piston rod that extends in the axial direction, wherein the rack is coupled to either the cylinder or the piston rod, and wherein the rack and piston rod are parallel to one another in the axial direction and are spaced from one another in a direction transverse to the axial direction.

On page 4, line 22, please insert the following heading:

### --Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 5, line 16, please insert the following heading:

### --Description of Specific Embodiments--.

On page 5, line 17, through page 6, line 2, please amend this paragraph as follows:

Fig. 1 illustrates a first embodiment of a steering gear or mechanism according to the invention. The steering gear comprises a steering housing 1, which comprises a cylinder bore 2, extending in the transverse direction of the steering housing, and a gear-rod or rack bore 3 extending parallel to the cylinder bore 2. A piston rod 4 is arranged in the cylinder bore ~~bore 4~~bore 2 so as to be displaceable in the direction of the axis 5 of the bore. The piston rod 4 holds at its center a hydraulic piston 6, which, in conjunction with the bore 2 and two end-face guiding and sealing elements 7, delimits a left-hand working chamber 8 and a right-hand working chamber 9.

On page 15, after line 7, please insert the following two new paragraphs:

--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document 103 36 628.8 filed August 5, 2003 and PCT/EP2004/006867 filed June 25, 2004.

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.--

In addition, please add the attached Abstract to the specification: